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THINKING ABOUT SELLING TIMBER?

Here are a few pointers to help you:

1. Know the volume and the value of what you are selling.
2. Request bids from potential buyers.
3. Ask loggers and other potential contractors for references.
4. Have a Timber Sale Contract containing at least the following:

    a. Volume to be sold by species.
    b. Sale price by species and escalation clause.
    c. Utilization specifications (e.g., cut all marked trees to a five-inch top and a minimum of eight feet in length).
    d. Beginning and ending dates.
    e. Method of scale or basis of measurement.
    f. Method of payment.
    g. Cash performance bond equal to a fixed portion of the sale.
    h. Slash disposal requirements.
    i. Road maintenance during and at end of sale.
    j. Establishment of arbitration board, if necessary.
    k. Require contractor to have necessary insurance.
    l. Other special requirements, such as restricting logging in calving areas.

5. Oversee and administer your sale to make sure terms of the contract are being met.
6. Seek professional advice on using federal tax treatments for timber income to reduce tax liabilities.
7. Consider the use of a professional consultant to do all of the above for you if you do not have the time to do so yourself.

OBTAINING PRIVATE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE

Private forestry assistance in Montana comes in several forms. The Extension Forestry Office of the Montana Extension Service is responsible for keeping the general public informed on forestry issues and for developing publications and workshops to educate forest landowners. Information and education materials are distributed with the assistance of county agents. The Forestry Assistance Program of the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation cooperates in landowner educational efforts and also offers limited one-on-one assistance to forest landowners harvesting

timber via service foresters located in the unit offices throughout the State. At the present time one-on-one assistance is available only in the counties west of the Continental Divide. The professional consultant forester is the final spoke in the wheel of private forestry assistance. It is the policy of the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation, Forestry Division, to refer the private landowner to a consulting forester when:

1. The job to be done involves sale of wood products, appraisals, surveying, contract negotiations and disputes.
2. The job is too large for the service forester to accomplish in the one day per timber sale allotted for such assignments.
3. The landowner or contractor is capable of paying the fees of a consulting forester, and a consultant is available to do the job.

SELECTING YOUR CONSULTANT

A consultant's business is based on satisfied clients. The person or company you hire should represent and serve your best interests in all matters concerning your timberlands. A consultant's fees may be based on the acreage of timberland involved, a percentage of the revenues from sales, dollars per thousand board foot product, amount of time required to perform the job, or in the case of tree planting, dollars per 1,000 seedlings planted. Cost should be one consideration in choosing a consultant, but a forester's experience, performance record and understanding of your objectives are equally important. There is no single best way to manage forest land. Goals and objectives of landowners vary widely. Choose a consultant who understands your needs and with whom you feel comfortable. Determine a consultant's qualifications by requesting information from the consultant and references from several of the consultant's clients. Compare this information and estimates of costs from several consultants before choosing the one you would like to work with. The knowledge and experience of consulting foresters vary widely.

As in any business arrangement, be aware of competing loyalties. Some foresters may be employed as timber buyers for forest products companies; others are associated with such companies or have a potential conflict of interest involving other clients. The consultant is ethically bound to inform you of any possible conflicts of interest or even an appearance of such conflicts. There are no legal standards governing consultants in Montana.

Once you have selected a consultant, sign an agreement or contract. This should include a list of services to be performed and how and who will perform them. For example, if boundaries are to be marked, who will search the records for property descriptions? Who will obtain the necessary permits such as water quality permits or Forest Fire Hazard Reduction Agreements? If timber is to be sold, will it be by competitive bid, negotiated bid, or contract logging? How often will the consultant check during harvesting to assure that the job is done correctly? How will the volume of timber sold be figured out, and by whom? If a fuelwood sale is a possibility during or after the harvest, who will receive the proceeds?

National and regional shortages of energy and high quality timber are rapidly improving the economics of growing wood. Landowners who commit themselves to sound land management practices will reap both short- and long-term financial benefits. A carefully chosen professional forestry consultant can help you achieve the full potential of your forestry investment.

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ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING FORESTERS
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Territory:

Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming

EXPERIENCE

21 years in professional practice, 11 years as a consulting forester, 3 years in public forestry, and 7 years in other forestry-related activities. B.S.F., Forest Management, University of Montana. Certificate from the Forest Environmental Institute, Oregon State University. Member of Society of American Foresters (SAF); Certified Forester. Member of Forest History Society and American Society for Environmental History. Associate Supervisor, Lewis & Clark Conservation District.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Complete forestry and natural resources planning, implementation and monitoring. Mission Statement: "Increasing values of private forest lands through professional and technical assistance."

Montana Forestland Services
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Territory:

State of Montana

EXPERIENCE

20 years as consulting forester, 3 years Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation forester. B.S. in Forestry; B.S. in Business Administration. Member of National Woodland Owners Association, Montana Forest Owners Association. Certified Montana Forest Stewardship Advisor. References provided on request.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

Forestry services are performed exclusively on non-industrial private forest lands, ranches and tree farms, assisting landowners in achieving their long-term goals.

CONSULTANT FORESTERS
Alphabetically by Company

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Territory:

Missoula, Sanders, Powell, Mineral & Lake Counties

EXPERIENCE

23 years in forest management, 15 of which were in consulting. Past Montana Society of American Foresters (SAF) Secretary (1980's). Presently Secretary/Treasurer of Montana Tree Farm Program. University of Montana Alumnus. Master's Degree in Public Administration with Forest Management as Specialty. Certified Forester. References provided upon request.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Herbicide Application; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Land Use Planning and Access/Easement; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Prescribed Burning; Recreational Development; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

Big Sky Resource Analysts
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Territory:

Montana, Western
United States

EXPERIENCE

16 years consulting in northwest Montana. Four-year natural resources degree. Member, Society of American Foresters.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal.

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Territory:

Montana, Idaho

EXPERIENCE

Cruiser, scaler. 23 years industrial forester, millworker, contract writer. 6 years private consultant. 30+ years private timberland owner. Helicopter logging manager, quality control supervisor, logging boss, stewardship advisor, resource manager, railroad logging operator/manager, and mill designer/operator/owner. Four-year natural resources degree. Member of the Montana Logging Association. Pilot and guide licenses. Montana Stewardship Advisor.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Recreational Development; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products.

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Territory:

Western Montana

EXPERIENCE

25 years field experience. Four-year natural resources degree. Accredited MLA member.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Stand Improvement.

Primary emphasis at this time is mechanical pre-commercial thinning and slash disposal.

Forest Lands Improvement
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Territory:

Unrestricted

EXPERIENCE

26 years experience—federal, tribal and private—in all phases of forest planning and operations: economic and site evaluations including forest health considerations, harvest prescription development, timber sale design, layout and contract preparation, harvest supervision, seedling production, reforestation and young stand management, applications of prescribed fire, long-range forest planning, environmental planning and compliance, ecosystem management principles and implementation, and stand and forest modeling. Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest and Stand Level Modeling; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Investment and Economic Analysis; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Training in Application of Silvicultural Systems with Emphasis on Selection Systems.

Forestry Consultant Service
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Lewistown, MT 59457
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Territory:

Central Montana

EXPERIENCE

6 years as an independent consultant plus 31 years of natural resource management experience with the Bureau of Land Management. Four-year natural resources degree. Tree Farm Inspector. Member of the Montana Forest Owners Association. References upon request.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Management and Silviculture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Rangeland Management; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products.

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Territory:

Western Montana

EXPERIENCE

20 years consulting; 35 years working in the private sector of forest industries. Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products.

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Territory:

Western and
South Central Montana

EXPERIENCE

40 years experience. Four-year natural resources degree. Member of Society of American Foresters for 45 years. Helped organize the Inland Empire Reforestation Council and Inland Empire Tree Improvement Cooperative.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; BMP Specialist; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Management and Silviculture; Investment and Economic Analysis; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Nursery Stock Production; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Taxes; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Tree Improvement/ Breeding; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal.

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Territory:

Northwest Montana
St. Regis,
Thompson Falls

EXPERIENCE

12 years experience with logging and the logging system and timber marking. Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products.

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Territory:

Worldwide

EXPERIENCE

21 years consulting experience. Since 1979, we have provided services to over 100 clients in nine states, as well as in Latin America, Central Africa, and Eastern Europe. Our mission is to help clients evaluate, develop and manage forest-based enterprises. We have extensive experience in timber cruising and appraisal, feasibility analysis, and business plan preparation. We also provide expertise in timber procurement, timber harvesting management, and forest products marketing. We are available for jobs of any size, any time, anywhere in the world. Projects have included timber inventories of up to 100,000 acres and project appraisals up to $100 million. Our resource analyses and feasibility studies have resulted in the sale, purchase, and construction of several sawmills. Four-year natural resources degree.

Member of Society of American Foresters and Montana Logging Association. Charles H. Hawkins III has degrees in Business and Forestry, as well as broad practical experience in forestry, logging, sawmilling, marketing, and general business management.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Industrial Developments, Milling and Layout Design; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products.

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6125 Mercer Lane
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Territory:

Western Montana

EXPERIENCE

25 years experience in private forestry and consulting. Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Management and Silviculture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Road Engineering and Layout; Timber Cruising and Inventory.

Edward G. Heilman
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Missoula, MT 59803-2324
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Territory:

Western United States

EXPERIENCE

35 years with U.S. Forest Service in fire management (retired 1984); consultant/contractor for Montana Department of State Lands (now Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation), Idaho Department of Lands, Great Falls, Montana attorneys, and FMA International. Four-year natural resources degree.

Member of Society of American Foresters 1957-2000 (Fellow 1989); California Registered Professional Forester No. 1398, 1973-2000.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest History.

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Potomac, MT 59823
Phone: (406) 244-5973
Toll Free: 1-888-800-8733

Territory:

Western Montana

EXPERIENCE

12 years experience. Four-year natural resources degree. Member of International Society of Arboriculture; Certified Arborist. Member of the National Arborist Association.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Timber Stand Improvement; Tree Surgery and Maintenance of Ornamentals; Urban Forestry; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

Horizon Tree Service specializes in urban interface issues. Residential forest management services include wildfire protection, land clearing, residential logging, and improvement of forest health, wildlife habitat, viewshed, and aesthetic quality. Low impact logging on more traditional forest properties. Standard tree service care including cabling, tree pruning, and tree removal, including hazard trees.

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Territory:

Flathead, Glacier, Lake Lincoln, Pondera, Sanders & Teton Counties. No territory limitations for large projects and accounts.

EXPERIENCE

21 years in Montana State Forestry with the Departments of Natural Resources and Conservation and State Lands working in forest improvement and silviculture, forest inventory and planning, project design, contract administration, silvicultural consultations, timber sales, slash disposal, and site preparation, including 7 years as Service Forestry Bureau Chief managing statewide timber slash, forest practices, forestry assistance, community forestry, forest pest management and nursery programs. 5 years experience as consultant forester. Academic credentials include B.S. in Forestry, minoring in Wildlife Biology, and graduate credits in Forest Ecology and Silviculture as well as coursework in other forestry subjects, interpersonal communications, strategic issue management, and conflict resolution. References upon request.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Contract Writing; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Hydrology; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Legal Requirements & Permits; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Negotiation; Pedology; Prescribed Burning; Rangeland Management; Recreational Development; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

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Northern Rocky Mountains

EXPERIENCE

Land and Water has provided a wide range of natural resource consulting services since 1982 in forestry, range, hydrology, water rights, environmental impact assessment, and related fields. Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Hydrology; Industrial Developments, Milling and Layout Design; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Pedology; Prescribed Burning; Rangeland Management; Recreational Development; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

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Territory:

Lincoln, Flathead & Sanders Counties

EXPERIENCE

Retired after 32 years with the U.S. Forest Service, the last 15 years as a district ranger. Very experienced in forest management, silviculture and fire management. Four-year natural resources degree. Member of Society of American Foresters for 35 years. Forest Stewardship Advisor. Member, Montana Forest Stewardship Steering Committee.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal.

Luibrand & Sons Forestry
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651 Airport Road
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Territory:

Montana, Idaho

EXPERIENCE

6 years in forestry consulting, 19 years as forester with Champion International. Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Hardwood Forestry; Forest Management and Silviculture; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Prescribed Burning; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Tree Surgery and Maintenance of Ornamentals; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Urban Forestry; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

Montana Applied Conservation Options
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Territory:

Western Montana

EXPERIENCE

15 years consulting experience with small, private and industrial landowners and agencies. Four-year natural resources degree. Certified Montana Forest Stewardship Advisor. Certified Montana Riparian/Wetland Advisor.

References: Jim Elliott, Trout Creek, MT, (406) 827-3671
Stimson Lumber Co., Bonner, MT, (406) 258-2100
Plains Unit, DNRC Forestry Division, (406) 826-3851

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Management Plan Development; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Pre-purchase Property Assessment; Recreational Development; Resource Education; Resource Mediation and Facilitation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

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Territory:

Western United States;
Emphasis on Montana.
Also International.

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Also 7 Consultant Offices in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Minnesota.

EXPERIENCE

28 years consulting experience in wildland fire and vegetation/fuel analysis. Masters degrees in various fields of natural resources. Montana Level II Wildland Arson Investigator Certification. Member of Society of Range Management; Interior West Fire Council; International Association of Wildland Fire; and Montana Film Professional Association.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation with GIS Capabilities; Appraisals; Climatology Studies; Cruising and Marketing; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest and Wildland Fire Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Fuel and Fire Behavior Evaluations; Helicopter & Fixed Wing Aviation Safety Consulting; Investment and Economic Analysis; Prescribed Burning/Planning; Pyrotechnics for the Movie Industry; Rangeland Management; Sale of Forest Products; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Wildfire Hazard Risk Assessment; Wildland Fire Arson Investigations; Wildland Fire Effects Evaluation on Vegetation and Wildlife; Wildland Fire Management Planning; Wildland Fire Reconstructions (Large); Wildland Fuel Modification Plans & Operations; Wildland Smoke Modeling/Impact Analysis/Management; Wildland/Urban Interface Hazard Mitigation; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

Natural Assets
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Superior, MT 59872
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Territory:

Montana, Northern Idaho

EXPERIENCE

In private practice since 1982 (18 years). Four-year natural resources degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Christmas Tree Management; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Prescribed Burning; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

Natural Resource Services (NRS)
George Chaffee
Box 315
Ulm, MT 59485
Phone: (406) 866-3448

Territory:

Western, Southwest Montana

EXPERIENCE

30 years experience in forestry and related resource work in the Pacific Northwest and Northern Great Plains co-regions. Completed work for agencies, private landowners, the wood products industry, and associations. Extensive experience in range inventory/analysis/ management; qualified wetland delineation; evaluation in jurisdictional determination of wetlands (COE by Wetlands Institute); qualified to conduct 310 stream surveys (Montana Streamside Preservation Act) qualified to conduct Stream Management Zone evaluations (SMZ's) along riparian corridors; qualified and experienced in conducting Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Species surveys; and has expertise in habitat type and taxonomic classifications. Shelterbelt design and planting/reclamation/ seeding experience. Four-year natural resources degree.

References: Tom Martin, Dept. of Transportation, Right-of-Way Bureau
Jerry Meyer, USFS Helena National Forest
Jim Schaeffer, KBLL Radio Station, Helena, MT
Charles Jacobson, Attorney, Conrad, MT
Ron Haverlind, Cooper Valley Landowners Assn., Great Falls, MT
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Boy Indian Reservation
Don Nell, Deep Creek Foundation, Livingston, Montana
Randy Ramey, Ramey Construction Co., Spokane, WA
Jon Siddoway, Cascade Cnty. Cons. District, Great Falls, MT

SERVICES PROVIDED

310 Stream Surveys; Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Land Reclamation; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Rangeland Management; Scaling; Streamside Management Zone Evaluations; Taxes; Threatened & Endangered Species Surveys; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

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Territory:

Montana & Oregon

EXPERIENCE

15 years as private consultant. I.S.A. Certified Arborist, #RM396.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Urban Forestry; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

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Western States

EXPERIENCE

21 years forestry work experience: 8 years consulting, 7 years with private timber company, 6 years with U.S. Forest Service. Four-year natural resources degree. Member, Society of American Foresters.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products.

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Territory:

All of Montana and Idaho

EXPERIENCE

11 years consulting. Also experience with U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Champion, Plum Creek Timber Co., cruising and marketing etc. Forest Improvement Specialist. Four-year natural resources degree. All aspects of forestry addressed. Strives to meet overall management objectives through wise use while realizing each parcel is unique and has its own prescription. With our company, everyone wins. Call for free consultation. Brochure, references, and video on how to reduce the threat of wildland fire available.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Christmas Tree Management; Cleanup and Rehabilitation of Site to Aesthetically Pleasing Stand; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Hydrology; Industrial Developments, Milling and Layout Design; Intensive Forest Practices to Improve Forest Habitat; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Nursery Stock Production; Prescribed Burning; Rangeland Management; Recreational Development; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

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Territory:

Montana & Northern Idaho

EXPERIENCE

6 years as private consultant/owner of business; 24 years as forester with private company (including 20 years as manager). Four-year natural resources degree. Secretary of the Forest Stewardship Foundation.

References: Tony Liane, DNRC Southwestern Land Office
Gary Gallagher, Private Landowner
Bob Mullendore, Attorney & Private Landowner
James Bentley, Private Industry Forester

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Prescribed Burning; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Scaling; Site Preparation; Surveying; Taxes; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

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Territory:

Montana, Idaho &
Eastern Washington

EXPERIENCE

20 years of professional forestry experience. Four-year natural resource degree.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Litigation; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Prescribed Burning; Recreational Development; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

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Territory:

Western Montana &
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EXPERIENCE

26 years natural resource experience; 9 years forestry consulting experience. Four-year natural resource degree. Accredited Logging Professional through the Montana Logging Association. Reference list provided on request.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Appraisals; Cruising and Marketing; Entomology and Pathology; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Land Reclamation; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Montana Forest Stewardship Consultant; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Urban Forestry; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement.

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Territory:

No Limits

EXPERIENCE

26 years work experience (government, large private, independent); 20 years experience in own consulting business. Four-year natural resources degree. References (overseas/Canada/intermountain) available upon request.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; International Projects; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land/Timber Acquisition; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Mapping Systems; Road Engineering and Layout; Sale of Forest Products; Surveying; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Training Programs.

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Territory:

Western Montana & Beyond; Specialize in Swan Valley, MT

EXPERIENCE

12 years experience as a forester and restoration ecologist. 4 years experience as a low-impact logger. B.S. & M.S. degrees; currently working on a doctorate in forestry with concentrations in forest soils and sustainable forest use and productivity. Memberships in Forest Stewardship Foundation, Forest Stewards Guild, and Society for Ecological Restoration.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Absentee Owner Representation; Aerial Photogrammetry and Interpretation; Disturbance Restoration Services; Entomology and Pathology; Environmental Impact Statements; Erosion; Forest Fire Protection and Assessment Analysis; Forest Management and Silviculture; Forest Resource Potential Analysis; Hydrology; Investment and Economic Analysis; Land Reclamation; Landscaping and Landscape Architecture; Logging and Harvest Design, and Logging Supervision; Nursery Stock Production; Pedology; Prescribed Burning; Rangeland Management; Recreational Development; Reforestation, Seeding, Planting; Sale of Forest Products; Site Preparation; Timber Cruising and Inventory; Timber Stand Improvement; Tree Surgery and Maintenance of Ornamentals; Trespass Investigation and Damage Appraisal; Urban Forestry; Utilization and Marketing of Forest Products; Wildlife Habitat Improvement; Windbreaks and Shelterbelts.

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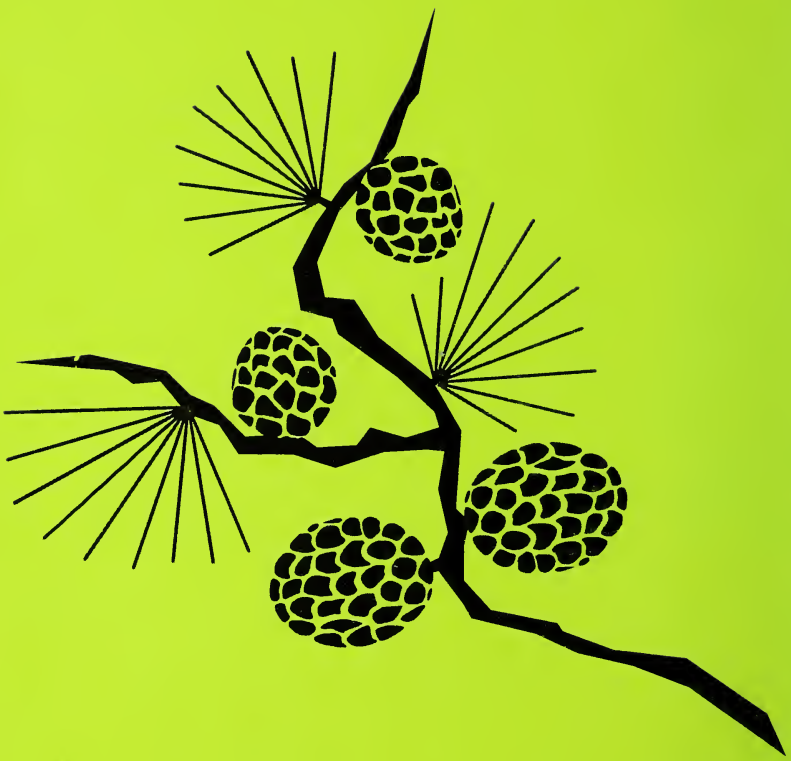

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